

Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting of
McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,
McHenry Middle School, 2120 Lincoln Rd., McHenry, IL 60051
October 19, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Chad Mihevc with the following Board Members present: Lindsay Morley, Rachel McDonnell, Matt Stauner, Jennifer Synek, Patrick DeGeorge

Absent: Waltmire

Others present: Superintendent Josh Reitz, Assistant Superintendent Fred Laudadio, CSBO Jeff Schubert, Executive Director of Human Resources Brian Kilinski, Director of English Learners Maureen Cassidy, Director of Student Services Kelli Catini, Director of Learning Jacquie Duginske and various staff and citizens.

President Mihevc called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Anne Brown addressed the Board regarding the District's Health/Sex Education Curriculum and would like to see a copy of it.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting October 5, 2021

- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending October 12, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 667,745.23
Building Fund	170,862.63
Site & Construction Fund	243,511.00
Transportation Fund	<u>67,497.06</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,149,615.98

- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending September 28, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 164,373.44
Building Fund	38,290.41
Transportation Fund	<u>13,594.16</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 216,258.01

- Payroll Report for August, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 3,122,055.07
Building Fund	164,321.19
Transportation Fund	220,246.52
IMRF Fund	<u>176,867.63</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 3,683,490.41

• Personnel Report

CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Kathryn Martin Teacher/RW effective 10/20/21

CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elizabeth Leszewicz

Alyson Kriewaldt

NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Bonnie Bishop Bus Driver/TR effective 9/29/21

Andrea Zenner Bus Driver/TR effective 9/29/21

Jennifer Lucas ParaPro/EB effective 10/12/21

Christina Bukowski ParaPro/EB effective 10/28/21

NON-CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

Amber Pugh Café/DK \$12.00/hr. effective 9/29/21

Sarah Brummett Permanent Sub/Dist. \$200.00/day effective 8/24/21

Noelle Petty Permanent Sub/Dist. \$200.00/day effective 9/22/21

Jeannie Haze Permanent Sub/Dist. \$200.00/day effective 9/30/21

Linda Fain Permanent Sub/Dist. \$200.00/day effective 10/18/21

Sherry Kolker Permanent Sub/Dist. \$200.00/day effective 10/12/21

Sasha Carpenter Permanent Sub/Dist. \$200.00/day effective 10/12/21

Heather Collins Playground/DK \$12.00/hr. effective 10/12/21

Glenn Runkle Bus Driver/TR \$18.25/hr. effective 10/6/21

NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS

Marisol Herrera Translator/MMS to Cert. Translator/Dist. effective 10/18/21

Claudia Leon Nurse RW to Program Nurse EB effective 10/25/21

William Strombach Tech Technician to Tech Super./CO \$63,000.00/yr. effective 10/20/21

A motion was made by Morley, second by Stauner to approve the consent agenda.

Voting aye: Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, DeGeorge, McDonnell

Voting nay: None

Absent: Waltmire

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

We have a lot of business on the docket tonight with all four of our committees presenting updates in their respective worlds of Finance, Curriculum, Facilities and Personnel, so I will be brief in my presentation.

Last Friday students should have come home with STAR 360 Fall Benchmarking results. As folks know, STAR 360 is our district wide assessment that we use to gauge student performance and growth. As with any individual assessment, STAR provides but one snapshot of a child's learning from a period of time. We share these results with families as a partnership in the learning process of their students and use the data internally to develop large-scale goals and plans, but also to help us make specific, individualized decisions for teachers to use with their students. We will take this assessment again in the Winter and yet again in the Spring to monitor progress and growth. These results will continually be shared with our stakeholders. And while

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On the assessment front, we expect IAR results to be publicly available in December or perhaps January, so we will have updated data dive presentations with our BOE and Curriculum Committee as this information becomes available.

October is National Principal Appreciation Month and I want to take a minute to publicly thank our extremely talented and dedicated principals here in District 15. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Cohn, Mrs. Reinhardt, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Adams, and Dr. Glover are really amazing educators and leaders and we are fortunate to have them leading our schools. And while I'm at it, let me also offer the District's appreciation of our amazing group of assistant principals and deans. Mr. Vannoy, Mr. Krause, Mrs. Sharp, Mr. Hibler, Mrs. Haydysch, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Vosburgh, Mrs. McGann, and Mrs. Shay all deserve our thanks as well. A school administrator's life is chaotic and demanding, but all 17 of the folks that I just mentioned do it better than anybody. So on behalf of all of us in District 15, thank you principals and administrators for all the tremendous work you do on behalf of kids and our community.

I wanted to provide a quick update on our progress with SHIELD and thank everybody again for their patience as we try to get this into operation. I've mentioned in a couple of meetings that it appears that SHIELD's capacity is strained; however, we have been able to finally connect with their 3rd party HR Support, which we think is an important next step. We have shared with them a tentative testing schedule and they are reviewing it with their team to see if they have enough personnel to manage it. As soon as that gets squared away we will share that with you and with our schools so that we can start as quickly as possible.

And remaining on the topic of SHIELD/Covid, we are pleased to see health metrics continuing to improve in our community. Currently our Incidence Rate is at 110, down about 60 from just a month ago and our Positivity Rate is currently at 3.1% well below the 5 % threshold of keeping us in Low Transmission in that category and down from 9% at the start of this school year. Lastly, at this moment, we are encouraged that only 92 students are actively in quarantine across the district, which is down significantly from where we seem to have been stabilized much of this year. All of these trends give us encouragement as we soon close out this first trimester.

Also, in yet another example of us getting back to more normalcy, I wanted to share that we have just finished up our middle school Fall sports and athletic activities at our middle schools. As folks know, last year at this time we simply were not participating in these types of events. But with the start of this new year, I wanted to share that:

Across our middle schools we had nearly 90 students participate in cross country and had two athletes, Jeffrey Schwab and Myles Wagner, qualify for state.

We also had two full teams of 7th and 8th grade volleyball on both sides of town and nearly 100 students participate in intramural volleyball.

Lastly we fielded 15 IESA golfers and had over 70 students participate in golf club. Combined, MMS and PKL had the most golfers in the IESA sectional than any other school in our conference.

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We are happy to see so many of our students participating in these events after such a long absence and look forward to more opportunities for our students in the winter and beyond.

Our next Board of Education Meeting will be in two weeks on Tuesday, November 9th this time at Landmark Elementary School.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

The District received 3 FOIA Requests: Local Labs, CBS News, Dashboard McHenry County.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Morley shared that the committee did BoardDoc Training. Additionally, they discussed the Curriculum Design Plan with addresses technology for K-8 and ELA and Math. Mrs. Morley stated it was a well thought-out plan.

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Synek reported that the committee discussed upcoming Teacher Contract Negotiations. Additionally, they discussed ways to fill substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and bus driver positions.

Finance Committee: Mr. Stauner shared that the committee also did BoardDoc Training. Additionally, they discussed the Treasurer's Report, the upcoming Levy Presentation, the audit findings. He stated that the district had a solid audit. It will be posted as a draft, as we will need to file an extension due to a new law.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Stauner shared the Facilities Committee attending BoardDoc Training. They also discussed the Natural Gas/Electric Contracts that if available, will be approved at the November 9th Board Meeting. The boiler and chiller estimates came in 1 million dollars less than budgeted. Director of Facilities Andy Lund shared a 5 year capital plan with the committee.

Resolution to Approve the ESSER III Plan

A motion was made by Morley, second by Stauner to approve the consent agenda.

Voting aye: Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, DeGeorge, McDonnell

Voting nay: None

Absent: Waltmire

Motion carried.

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Tax Levy Presentation

Mr. Schubert shared a PowerPoint presentation to the Board stating the plan for the District's Tax Levy. The District will not go over 5%. He shared that the District received 70% of its monies from property taxes. The Levy will be brought to the Board at the November 9th Board Meeting for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by McDonnell second by Synek to adjourn the meeting and go into Closed Session to discuss setting of price for sale or lease of property by a public body.

Voting aye: Stauner, Synek, DeGeorge, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley

Voting nay: None

Absent: Waltmire

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Synek second by DeGeorge to reconvene into Open Session

Voting aye: DeGeorge, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek

Voting nay: None

Absent: Waltmire

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by DeGeorge second by Synek to adjourn the meeting.


Voting aye: DeGeorge, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek

Voting nay: None

Absent: Waltmire

Motion carried.


Chad Mihevc, President


Rachel McDonnell, Secretary